Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a push-to-talk service over a mobile wireless communication network, where a user of a mobile wireless terminal may select an automatic or manual answer mode for incoming session invitations for at least some other users, the method comprising the steps of:

including in ~~the~~ a push-to-talk session invitation sent from a calling party to a called party, a manual answer mode request requesting said called party to answer an incoming session in said manual answer mode;

upon receipt of the session invitation at a push-to-talk server serving the called party, forwarding the session invitation including the manual answer mode request to the called party regardless of any auto-answer mode setting for the called party; and

receiving the session invitation at the called party, and generating an alert at the called party's terminal.

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the ~~signalling protocol used to establish and control~~ push-to-talk sessions uses ~~is the~~ Session Initiation Protocol as signaling protocol, and the invitation that contains the manual answer mode request is one of ~~the~~ Session Initiation Protocol INVITE ~~and~~ or REFER messages.

3. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the push-to-talk session invitation is forwarded by said push-to-talk server to the called party only following an authorisation procedure carried out by the server.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~and comprising~~ further comprising the step of carrying out an authorisation procedure at a push-to-talk server

serving the calling party, the request only being included in the invitation forwarded to the push-to-talk server serving the called party if said authorisation is granted.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 3, wherein the authorisation procedure~~(s) being~~ is carried out by comparing the identity of the calling party ~~and/or~~ or the called party against a list ~~or lists~~ of identities pre-stored at the push-to-talk server~~(s)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~and comprising~~ further comprising the step of receiving a user prompt at the calling party to request said manual answer mode, and as a result including the request in the invitation at the calling party.

7. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~and comprising~~ further comprising the step of including said request at the calling party automatically.

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said push-to-talk service is a push-to-talk over cellular service.

9. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a push-to-talk enabled mobile wireless terminal, the method comprising the step of including a manual answer mode request in an invitation sent by the terminal to a peer terminal wherein said manual answer mode request instructs said peer terminal to answer an incoming session in said requested manual answer mode even if said peer terminal is in an automatic answer mode.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a push-to-talk server within a mobile wireless communication network, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a push-to-talk invitation from a calling client terminal, the invitation including a manual answer mode request requesting a called party to answer in said

manual answer mode,

forwarding ~~the request~~ an incoming session request including the manual answer mode request to ~~the~~ a specified called client terminal, and

awaiting receipt of an answer message from the called client terminal in response to said called client terminal being alerted of said incoming session request before proceeding with session establishment.

11. (Currently Amended) A mobile wireless terminal associated with a mobile wireless communication network, comprising:

~~having~~ a processor and memory configured to facilitate participation of the terminal in a push-to-talk session facilitated by ~~a~~ said mobile wireless communication network, and

a user interface for allowing a user to interact with the processor and memory, the processor being arranged

to receive a user input from the user interface initiating a push-to-talk session,

to generate a push-to-talk invitation for sending to a called terminal and to include in the invitation a manual answer mode request requesting said called terminal to answer said invitation in a manual answer mode even if said called terminal is in an automatic answer mode, and to send the invitation to the called terminal.

12. (Currently Amended) A push-to-talk server for use in a mobile wireless communication network to provide a push-to-talk service to wireless mobile terminals, the server comprising:

an input for receiving a push-to-talk invitation from a first wireless mobile terminal destined for a second wireless mobile terminal, where the invitation may include a manual answer mode request requesting said second wireless mobile terminal to answer said invitation in a manual answer mode;

an output for forwarding a received push-to-talk invitation to ~~a~~ said second,

destination wireless mobile terminal; and

a processor programmed to determine whether or not a said received invitation includes ~~a~~ said manual answer mode request and, if so and if an automatic answer mode has been set for the second wireless mobile terminal, overriding the automatic mode setting and forwarding the invitation to the second wireless terminal including the manual answer mode request via said output.

13. (New) The method of Claim 10 wherein said push-to-talk invitation comprises a Session Initiation Protocol and wherein said invitation including said manual answer mode request is a Protocol INVITE or REFER message.

14. (New) The push-to-talk server of Claim 12 wherein said push-to-talk invitation comprises a Session Initiation Protocol and wherein said invitation including said manual answer mode request is a Protocol INVITE or REFER message.

15. (New) The push-to-talk server of Claim 12 wherein said output for forwarding said received push-to-talk invitation is performed after an authorization procedure by comparing said first wireless mobile terminal or second wireless mobile terminal against a list of identities pre-stored at said push-to-talk server.

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